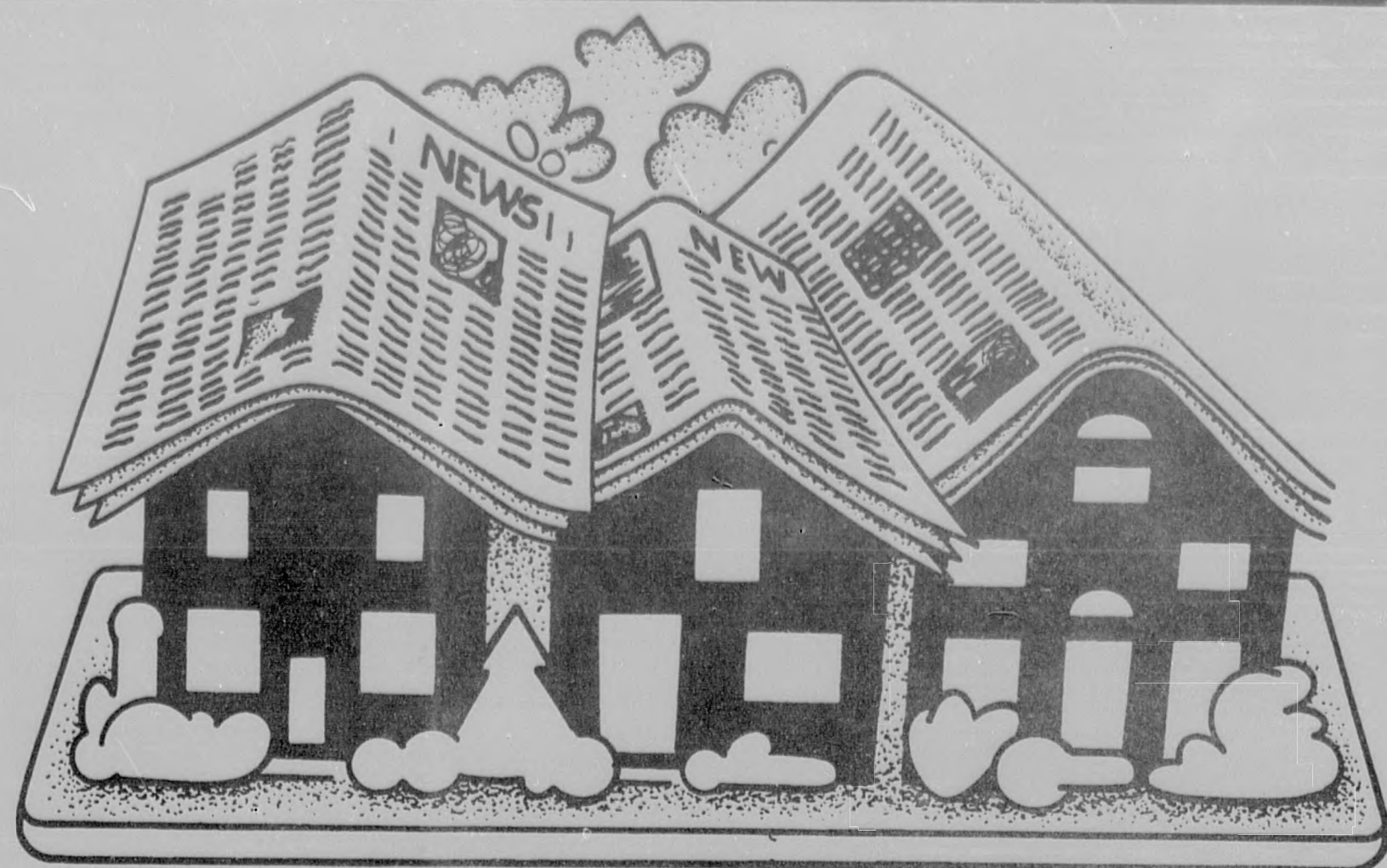


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FLOOD OF 1994 BAD BUT NOT AS BAD AS MARCH 1990 FLOOD

Elba residents battle Pea River's flood waters again

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

On Wednesday of last week, July 6th, as the presses rolled on that week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*, the news it contained was "old hat."

A picture on the front page made note of the damage that Tropical Storm Alberto had caused as it moved through our area on Sunday, July 3rd.

Little did everyone know that the worst was yet to come. It was thought that Alberto was on its way north - NOT! The unique weather conditions that existed at the time caused the tropical depression to stall over the southeast (East Alabama & West Georgia) and the rains came and stayed.

The end result was the Flood of 1994. For the City of Elba, this flood was not as bad - damage wise - as the March of 1990 Flood. Although to those whose homes were flooded there was little difference - a flood is a flood.

At 6:36 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 6th, the Pea River flowed lazily through Elba well within its banks at 15.46 feet but that soon changed.

With rain coming down steadily in Elba, and to the north as well, the Pea River took a major step upward and rose to 23.35 feet at 8:30 a.m.

Not only was the river beginning to rise, but Whitewater Creek was also showing all-to-familiar signs of being on the rise too. For the city of Elba, this was not good!

Between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. the river had reached just over flood stage at 30.05 feet.

City officials had wasted no time in implementing evacuation plans for low lying areas outside the confines of the levee.

Residents on Smith Avenue and in the Riverview Subdivision were the first to be moved to safety since that is the first area to receive flooding from the Pea River and Whitewater Creek.

Tractors began pulling in trailers furnished by Dorsey Trailers and family members, assisted by volunteers, began loading their belongings in the vans. Many other companies in the area volunteered and brought in vans to be used in the evacuation process.

By mid-afternoon, the evacuation was well underway as the waters continued to rise. Before the river had cleared its banks most of the residents of Riverview and Smith Avenue had vacated their homes.

At 11:00 p.m., Wednesday night (July 6), the river reading was at 35.95 feet and continuing to rise. Not only was Elba bracing for a flood, but all of northern Coffee

County was being drenched by flood waters. Enterprise was also experiencing flash flooding in low lying areas of the city.

The entire southern portion of the county was also receiving extensive damage from the rising waters of branches, creeks and the river.

The police radios and local radio stations were continually reporting road closings and warning area residents to stay off the roads.

Residents in low lying areas were being instructed to seek shelter on higher ground.

Last Thursday morning at 12:30 a.m., the Pea River was more than 6 feet above flood stage at 36.65 feet.

The rise of the river slowed as it spread out into the low lands. At 1:51 a.m. the reading was 37.15, 3:34 a.m. it stood at 37.60, it was 37.85 at 4:59 a.m. and at 7:30 a.m., the reading was 38.15 feet.

Again, at 8:55 a.m. on Thursday morning, the river reading was 38.15 feet. The rise had stopped.

The river began to show a receding trend as the reading began to decrease at 10:16 a.m.

Officials began reading the river height on an hourly basis. Down it went: 11:30 a.m. - 38.00 feet; 1:30 p.m. - 37.95 feet; 3:00 p.m. - 37.85

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FLOOD GATES INSTALLED...on crooked bridge over Whitewater Creek. Timbers were first placed in the opening to fill the breach in the levee. Workers then placed sand bags on both sides of the barricade to prevent flood waters from seeping through the cracks in the timbers. The bridge accesses Smith Avenue from downtown Elba.

Damage heavy but not as great as March '90 Flood

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

According to Joe Clark, who is with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, there were less than 100 homes and businesses which were damaged by flood waters both inside and outside the levee.

The count included any house, mobile home or business that got any amount of water damage caused by flooding.

The greatest amount of damage

appeared to be in the Riverview Subdivision and on Smith Avenue. Both are located outside the levee in Northeast Elba and lay between the Pea River and Whitewater Creek.

There were some flooded homes located on the Kinston Highway and a couple in the Brookdale Subdivision located south of downtown and down river.

Several homes on S. Plant, S. Williams, Pryne, Garret, and Wayne Streets, located just off Reese Avenue, also received damage from flood waters.

Inside the levee there were several homes and some businesses that received damage as rainwater was unable to drain out of the levee. The majority of these were located on Putnam St., Guyton St., Hickman Ave., and Reese Avenue.

In the northern part of Elba along the Troy Highway, several houses and one business received damage from rising flood waters.

There were a few homes in the Mulberry Community that received water damage due to flash flooding and overflowing drainage systems.

Many of the businesses located in downtown Elba evacuated Wednesday and Thursday as a precautionary measure.

At press time, the survey was still underway; however, it was evident at this time that the flood damage was going to be considerably less

than in March of 1990.

Those who witnessed both the March 1990 Flood and the Flood of 1975 compared this one to the '75 Flood.

On Friday, President Bill Clinton declared seven counties in southeast Alabama as federal disaster areas, making them eligible to receive federal assistance. The counties were as follows: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston.

Gov. Jim Folsom, Congressman Terry Everett, and U. S. Senator Howell Heflin have all toured the flood-stricken areas.

They were accompanied by officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Farmers Home Administration.



HERE COMES PEA RIVER...down Smith Avenue. This is what the barricade in the picture above is supposed to keep out of downtown Elba. The pictures above were taken within minutes of each other and Pea River & Whitewater Creek were both on the rise.

PEA RIVER READINGS - 1994 FLOOD

JULY 6, 1994 (Wed.)
6:36 a.m.---15.46 Feet
8:30 a.m.---23.35 Feet
11:30 a.m.---26.95 Feet
12:38 p.m.---28.25 Feet
1:32 p.m.---29.10 Feet
2:37 p.m.---30.05 Feet*
3:27 p.m.---30.65 Feet
4:35 p.m.---31.60 Feet
5:18 p.m.---32.10 Feet
6:45 p.m.---33.10 Feet
8:15 p.m.---34.30 Feet
9:20 p.m.---35.00 Feet
11:00 p.m.---35.95 Feet

JULY 7, 1994 (Thu.)
12:30 a.m.---36.65 Feet
1:51 a.m.---37.15 Feet
3:34 a.m.---36.60 Feet
4:59 a.m.---37.85 Feet
6:00 a.m.---38.05 Feet
7:30 a.m.---38.15 Feet**
8:55 a.m.---38.15 Feet**
10:16 a.m.---38.10 Feet
11:30 a.m.---38.00 Feet
12:30 p.m.---38.05 Feet
1:30 p.m.---37.95 Feet
2:52 p.m.---37.90 Feet
3:00 p.m.---37.85 Feet
4:10 p.m.---37.70 Feet
5:45 p.m.---37.50 Feet
7:20 p.m.---37.30 Feet
9:05 p.m.---37.10 Feet
10:20 p.m.---36.90 Feet
11:19 p.m.---36.80 Feet

JULY 8, 1994 (Fri.)
12:00 a.m.---36.75 Feet
12:15 a.m.---36.66 Feet
12:35 a.m.---36.68 Feet
12:50 a.m.---36.60 Feet
1:11 a.m.---36.60 Feet
1:25 a.m.---36.60 Feet

1:51 a.m.---36.55 Feet
2:08 a.m.---36.48 Feet
2:21 a.m.---36.46 Feet
2:39 a.m.---36.41 Feet
3:31 a.m.---36.34 Feet
4:03 a.m.---36.28 Feet
5:12 a.m.---36.10 Feet
5:55 a.m.---36.05 Feet
7:00 a.m.---35.90 Feet
8:42 a.m.---35.75 Feet
11:30 a.m.---35.40 Feet
1:45 p.m.---35.05 Feet
3:27 p.m.---34.80 Feet
5:15 p.m.---34.50 Feet
7:00 p.m.---34.10 Feet
8:18 p.m.---33.90 Feet
9:43 p.m.---33.60 Feet
10:45 p.m.---33.40 Feet

JULY 9, 1994 (Sat.)
12:08 a.m.---33.10 Feet
1:45 a.m.---32.75 Feet
3:00 a.m.---32.50 Feet
6:30 a.m.---32.20 Feet
5:45 a.m.---31.95 Feet
6:06 a.m.---31.95 Feet
7:15 a.m.---31.65 Feet
11:13 a.m.---31.00 Feet
1:23 p.m.---29.65 Feet
10:15 p.m.---29.10 Feet

JULY 10, 1994 (Sun.)
6:08 a.m.---28.10 Feet
12:58 p.m.---27.25 Feet
4:59 p.m.---26.70 Feet

JULY 11, 1994 (Mon.)
6:00 a.m.---24.55 Feet
11:26 a.m.---23.45 Feet
6:41 p.m.---21.70 Feet

JULY 12, 1994 (Tue.)
6:15 a.m.---19.50 Feet

* FLOOD STAGE (30 FEET) ** CREST

FLOOD DAMAGE TO COUNTY POSSIBLY WORSE THAN IN 1990

Coffee County Commission focuses on Flood of 1994

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission focused on the aftermath of the Flood of 1994 and its devastation to the county and local communities.

Charlie Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, briefed the commissioners on what was being done to assist residents and cities in their recovery effort.

He stated that a processing center of the different governmental agencies had been set-up to give assistance to individual residents of the cities and county. The center is scheduled to remain open for three days but that time will be extended if it is necessary.

For the most part, Webb stated that the danger of flooding had passed but that everyone should be extremely careful when traveling county roads and city streets. Barricades SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED!

Commissioners were told that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) had not yet announced a date for a team to come and begin assessment of public damage - damage to roads, streets, drainage systems, bridges, public works facilities, etc.; however, Webb said that it should be soon.

"Our damage is extensive - much greater than I think in 1990," said Webb. "Certainly in the City of Enterprise its much, much greater than it was in 1990 and we've got a tremendous amount of damage around the county."

Webb encouraged the commissioners to contact all the county's public water systems and get them to assess their damage. They will be eligible for assistance from FEMA.

He is encouraging all residents of the county who have their own private well to have their water tested. Samples can be taken to the county health department for testing.

Webb told commissioners that engineers and rescue squads are helping in the clean-up process and that everything is moving along well.

It's going to be a long recovery period," Webb said in concluding his briefing.

Sheriff Mickey Counts, in his report to the commission, stated that he was very pleased with the response of his deputies and reserve deputies during this emergency which actually began on Sunday with his department.

He was very complimentary of the volunteer members of the fire departments and rescue squads throughout the county. Counts said that their assistance during this crisis was invaluable.

Counts also had high praise for Mark Pool and his staff for the effective manner in which they responded to his people in requesting that roads be closed.

"We still have a problem with people running around barricades," Counts said. "I'm going to be true to my word. If I catch anyone going around a barricade, I'm going to put them in jail!"

Barricades are in place for a reason and should not be ignored, moved or STOLEN!

In conclusion, the sheriff thanked everyone for their patience and assistance during this time.

Mark Pool, county engineer, began his report to the commissioners by stating that his staff had already taken more than 1,000 pictures of damage to the county's road system.

The bad news was that only the

100's and 200's (road numbers) roads had been surveyed. Remaining are the 300's, 400's, 500's, 600's and 700's.

He reported that as of Monday, the county still had 31 roads closed to traffic.

He warned commissioners that all damage to county roads will not be apparent.

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

STORY HOUR. The New Seasons Study Club will sponsor a story hour at the Elba Public Library on Thursdays, July 14, 21, & 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children, ages 3 through those who have completed kindergarten, are invited to attend.

WORKSHOP. A Think! Write! Workshop for interested students in grades 2-9 will be held at the Elba Elementary School on July 25 through July 29. Teachers may participate in the workshop also. The workshop will meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 12:00 noon. A fee of \$40 will be charged. For additional information call the Elba Elementary School @ 897-2814.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 1994. The meeting will be held at the county highway department building located in New Brockton.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We were a bit premature with our assessment last week that tropical storm Alberto didn't do a lot of damage here. Before those words spit off the press Alberto had doubled back on Alabama and Northwest Florida after spilling tons of devastating water on Georgia. By the time storm became history, it had done more damage, overall, than the 1990 floods which soaked all of Elba. The damage in Elba will not be as great, because the levee held this time and limited most of the private property damage to homes outside the levee. Hopefully those folks all had flood insurance this time around... personally we are slow learners, but we did learn a good lesson in March of 1990. However, the damage to roads and farm land throughout the Wiregrass, added to the extra destruction in the Panhandle of Florida and the still mounting disaster in Georgia, make this storm a biggie in the Southeast. This is just talking about the material losses, there ain't no way to put a price on the over two dozen lives lost to the water.

The list of folks who deserve thanks for help or offers to help prior, during and after the high water is long. No Elba citizen can possibly name all of them. The solution here is for each person to make a point of thanking any and all they can identify. Some might get a dozen thanks, but hopefully all who offered help will get at least one acknowledgment of gratitude for their efforts.

At the Clipper office, we started getting calls on Wednesday afternoon from people checking on our welfare and other calls concerning the rainfall upstream from Elba. These water reports turned out to be much more accurate and revealing than those coming out of the computers of the National Weather Service. Mixing those numbers with the regular river readings in Elba by Bud and Greg Brunson gave a very accurate picture of what actually happened here. Several of our telephone contacts came from State Auditor Terry Ellis, who also came here Thursday ready to help load our equipment if we wanted to move out (we didn't). The weather service folks need to take a few minutes and find out how Ellis knew so much more than they did about the Wednesday and Wednesday night rainfall from Eufaula to Elba... it would help them better predict conditions downstream and save a lot of unnecessary worrying by those of us in the path of the water. The weather bureau folks did great in 1975, pretty good level had been going down steadily for at least 12 hours.

Hey, the professional baseball players are about to go on strike, maybe right after the all-star break. The battle is over the team owner's idea of putting a cap on player salaries to help the struggling teams in smaller markets. Now you ain't talking about minimum wage folks here, the average baseball player makes a cool one million dollars per year! Not being a baseball fan, we will not get a bit excited in this corner if they strike, or if they don't strike. Of course there is the question of why there is a need for salary caps in the overall league contracts? If all the owners think they are paying too much, they can just refuse to pay more than a certain amount. Then if some ball player doesn't want to play for that salary, he can get him something else to do... if someone will hire him.

The TV news reports either Wednesday or Thursday night almost caused the destruction of a TV set. Picture this... the news is coming on and the anchor man says they "have late breaking news about the devastating floods hitting the Southeast... but first here is what happened in a California courtroom today in the O. J. Simpson case." When and where will more "hot news" about the actions of high priced lawyers in a California courtroom be more important than storm news to people suffering from the ravages of a raging flood?

In defense of the Simpson lawyers claiming illegal search, it happened to a regular person last week right here in Alabama. A Tuscaloosa woman had an arrest overturned because police tried to search her home without a warrant. Testimony was that their only excuse to begin with was that a man and woman had been reported fighting in the street on the block where she lives. They wanted to search a bedroom in her home where their children were sleeping. She tried to stop a police officer from entering the room and was arrested. The Alabama Supreme court said No, No... there was no reason for police to enter her house without a warrant in the first place. Search warrants are part of American law, their use, and the exceptions, clearly spelled out in the books and in thousands of court cases. Of ten criminals and some honest lawyers seem to try to make a mockery of the law, but then some police officers appear to get the idea that they too are above the law. Civilized people must have respect for the law and the courts... which means a lot of folks need to clean up their act and THINK first!

U. S. Senator Howell Heflin has always been a good joke teller and appreciates a fresh story. We have seen him sit for an hour, leaning back in an office chair telling amusing stories from his judging days of dealing with people in the courtroom and in everyday life. He has also been known to embellish one or more of those stories to fit public speeches from the branch trunks of Alabama to the banquet halls of Washington. With that background we caught a moment Saturday to tell him what someone suggested last week about getting the excess water out from inside the Elba levee. The idea was to get a group of the local bar and air blowers together, line them up with their mouths open and motors reversed and have them suck the water from Elba. After a hearty southern politician laugh, the senator from Alabama said something about newspaper publishers and hot air... but we are sure he was just joking! Wasn't he?

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of July 5, 1994 through July 11, 1994.

They were: Brandy Danley, Gladys Ogburn, Ludine Chandler, Clyde Daugherty, John Grimes, Clemmie Williamson, Pamela Sondergaard, Kathy Weeks, Mita Boswell, William Boone, Otis Arrington, Eric Culver, Sybil Mann, Iddel Whitman, L. J. Mack, Mary Alice Lee, Chassi Dease, Kenneth Grantman, Mildred Warren, Debbie Fuller, Opal Westbrook.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Hugo Smith, Kathy Weeks, Clemmie Williamson, Eric Culver, Ludine Chandler, Gladys Ogburn, Clyde Daugherty, Pamela Sondergaard, Otis Arrington, John Grimes, Brandy Danley, Kenneth Grantman, Sybil Mann, and Chassi Dease.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 5 Thru JULY 11, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, July 5, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three harassments, one criminal mischief, one sexual abuse, two thefts, and five burglaries.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no tag, three for no driver's license, one for reckless driving, one for driving with suspended driver's license, one for speeding, and one for driver's license required.

The following arrests were made: for disorderly conduct, one for harassing communication, and one for harassment.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JULY 5 - Alarm at the National Guard Armory (6:15 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in the Victoria Community (7:28 a.m.); Wreck on AL Hwy. 57N (9:51 a.m.); Wreck on Smith Ave. (1:06 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Smith Ave. (9:14 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (11:28 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 - Wreck reported at Bank of America Station (8:26 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Ave. (8:26 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Morrow Ave. (8:26 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Putnam St. (2:05 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Old Samson Rd. (3:27 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (6:55 p.m.); Burglary reported in progress on Hickman Ave. (7:07 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 7 - Rescue run to a residence on U. S. Hwy. 84 E

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Federal Assistance on the Way to Flood Victims

Last Wednesday, I contacted the White House to request assistance in dispatching all necessary federal emergency relief to southeast Alabama where torrential flooding has uprooted whole families and seriously damaged numerous communities.

On Friday, President Bill Clinton declared seven counties in southeast Alabama as federal disaster areas, making them eligible to receive federal disaster assistance. These are Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston.

Also on Friday, I joined Governor Folsom, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy, and James Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in touring flood-stricken areas of the Wiregrass.

Now that the flooding is subsiding, disaster relief agencies are preparing to go into motion. Here is a brief look at what is available.

Most emergency assistance applications will be coordinated primarily through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA assistance will be available to local governments, schools, individuals and families who qualify.

For direct assistance, FEMA officials have established a toll-free hotline at 1-800-462-9020. For hearing or speech impaired applicants, the toll-free phone line is 1-800-462-7585.

Under the FEMA public assistance program, local governments may apply directly for funds to replace roads, bridges, public buildings and other public infrastructure facilities damaged by the flood. In-

dividual assistance will take several forms. FEMA will make temporary housing assistance available to those who qualify. Checks will be issued to those in need to cover rent or to provide minimum house repairs.

Agriculture damage is also expected to be high as crops remain underwater. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has several programs which will be available to assist farmers as a result of the Wiregrass flooding.

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offers Emergency Loan Application Packages. In order to qualify for these emergency loans, the applicant must be engaged in farming, must be able to demonstrate a 30 percent or more crop loss, and must be able to show they have sufficient income in order to repay the emergency loan.

The Soil and Conservation Service (SCS) offers assistance to assist farmers with flood damage. This program provides for the repair of damage to property which may present a hazard to adjacent roads and bridges.

Additionally, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) provides assistance to farmers to repair individual crop land damaged by floods through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

Federal Crop Insurance assistance is also available to those farmers who have individual crop insurance contracts. These farmers should contact their insurance provider for more information.

Stay tuned to your local news media and this column for more information about disaster assistance centers and the assistance which may be available to you.

Legal assistance available for senior citizens

Legal assistance will be available locally for persons over age sixty on July 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Elba.

If you need help with any non-criminal legal problem or question, contact your nearest senior center as soon as possible for an appointment. If you need a will or power of attorney, you must call as soon as possible so that your document can be ready.

If your income is less than \$612 monthly (single) or \$798 monthly (married couple) and you are eligible for Medicare, but you do not receive a card from Medicaid or QMB each month, you should contact the senior center. The legal assistance people can help you find out if you qualify and help you apply for Medicaid or Medicare. QMB pays your Medicare premium and most of the doctor and hospital bills that Medicare does not

cover and is free.

The phone number is 897-3019. If you are over sixty and would like to attend the senior center, call to find out about the meals and all the other activities that are available.

Legal assistance and all other services at the senior center are provided on a no-fee basis, but voluntary contributions are accepted and encouraged.

The Salvation Army needs helpers

The Salvation Army is on the scene throughout southeast Alabama, where severe flooding has forced thousands of people from their homes. The Salvation Army is quickly rendering assistance to flood victims by serving hot meals, provid-

ing clothing and shelter, and helping people re-build their lives. The U.S. Census Bureau has helped the Salvation Army make a difference in past disasters and they can help make a difference now. The Salvation Army urgently

needs your financial help at this time. Donations earmarked "Alabama Flood Relief" can be sent to P.O. Box 19579, Birmingham, AL 35209 or sent to the local Salvation Army office. All donations are tax deductible.



LIONS INSTALL 1994-95 OFFICERS....during the June 28th meeting. Pictured above are the new officers of the Elba Lions Club. They are, front row (l-r) - Fred Moore, 3rd Vice-President; Rex Boutwell, 1st Vice-President; Glenn Samuel, President; Ed Cooper, 2nd Vice-President; William "Bill" Thompson, District Governor; back row (l-r) - F. D. Morrow, Lion Tamer; Dr. M. V. Miles, Secretary; Bill Thompson, Treasurer; Floyd Morrow, Tall President; Dr. Tim Jackson, One-Year Director; Other officers not present for the picture were: George Hootch, Past Year Director; District Governor Thompson from Dothan, AL, conducting the installation service.

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AREA DEATHS

THOMAS JONES JR.

Thomas Jones, Jr., age 86 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Wednesday, July 6, 1994 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 1994 from the Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL, with Rev. N.L. Robinson officiating.

Burial followed in Johns Chapel Cemetery, Enterprise, AL, with Scott Turner officiating.

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MISS & LITTLE MISS COFFEE COUNTY......were presented to the members of the Coffee County Commission. Pictured above are: Little Miss Coffee County Janie Boyd (left) and Miss Coffee County Julie Donaldson. Standing behind the queens are (l-r) Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Wendell Black, Lawrence Creel, Bill Faulk, and Jack Hanson. The young ladies were presented to the Commission on Monday, June 26th. They will also represent Coffee County at the National Peanut Festival in October. Janie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Julian Boyd of Enterprise and will be a second grader at Hillcrest Elementary School in the fall. Julie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Doug Donaldson of Enterprise and will be attending Enterprise State Junior College in the fall. Elizabeth Dye, representing the Zion Chapel Parent Booster Club (sponsors of the county pageant), presented Julie with an educational scholarship which is a part of the Miss Coffee County Pageant.

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LAVERNE CARRERA
LaVerne Carrera, age 71 of Brantley, Alabama, died Wednesday, July 6, 1994 at her home.
Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel.
Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.
Survivors include her husband, Laverne Carrera of Brantley, AL; two sons, Gary Carrera of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida and Jackie Kidd of Cocoa, FL; two daughters, Catherine Miller of Elba, AL and Dorothy Holding of Brantley, AL; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

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Tropical storm Alberto dumped water on County last week



Courthouse records piled upstairs in the courtroom



View of the Pea River Park from the river bridge about midday Thursday.



Governor Jim Folsom and U.S. Representative discuss area problems while School Superintendent Charles Pearce looks on.



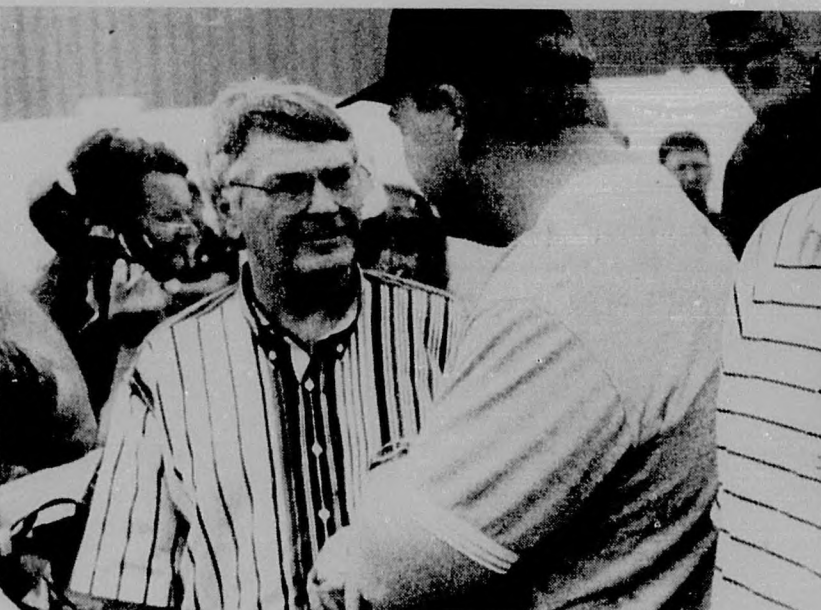
Confederate widow Alberta Martin weathers her third Elba flood, this time in a Red Cross shelter at the Elba Elementary school.



The residents of this mobile home have already left for higher ground.



Cleanup is a necessity and a familiar sight around Elba following a flood.



U.S. Representative Terry Everett listens as Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood recaps problems and needs of flood victims.



Flood waters again found this Troy Highway home



Some folks try to salvage these waterlogged and damaged home furnishings



Pea River took possession of this street for a few days last week.



The view across the crooked bridge Thursday afternoon. Taken from the top of the levee.



Congressman Terry Everett and Soil Conservationist Steve Musser talk about farm erosion and crop problems with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy



Ray Cole, field rep for U.S. Senator Richard Shelby reviews early reports of major flood damage while Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood talks with U.S. Senator Howell Heflin about the local needs.



Elba Red Cross shelter kitchen stove "boss" for the moment is straight from the Coffee County Extension Service offices eager to show her expertise



It was hard to drive out any Coffee County road Thursday due to massive flooding from the heavy rains.

Citizens get refresher course in how to successfully fight floods



A close look shows creek water hitting the side of this county bridge



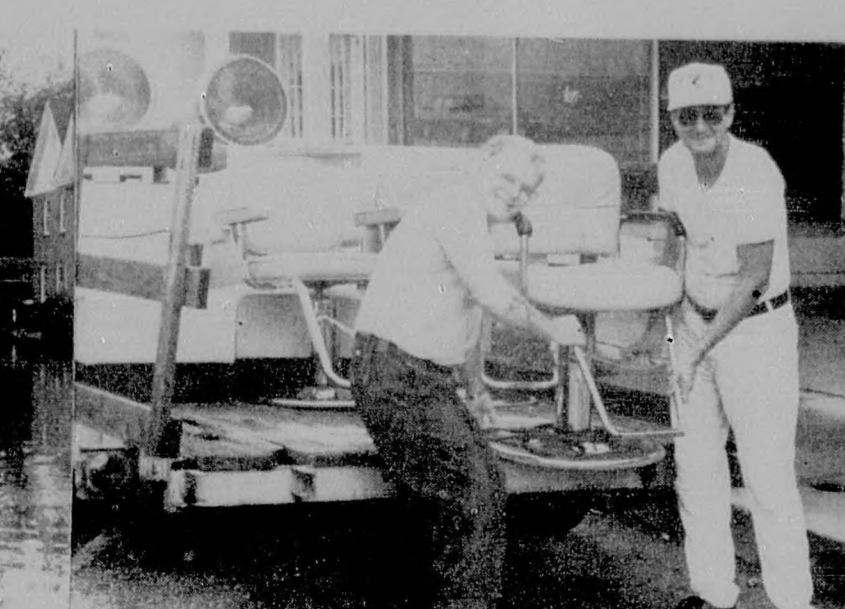
Bill Morrow, center, has his reputation ruined with this picture which caught him working as Big Little moved back after the flood danger left



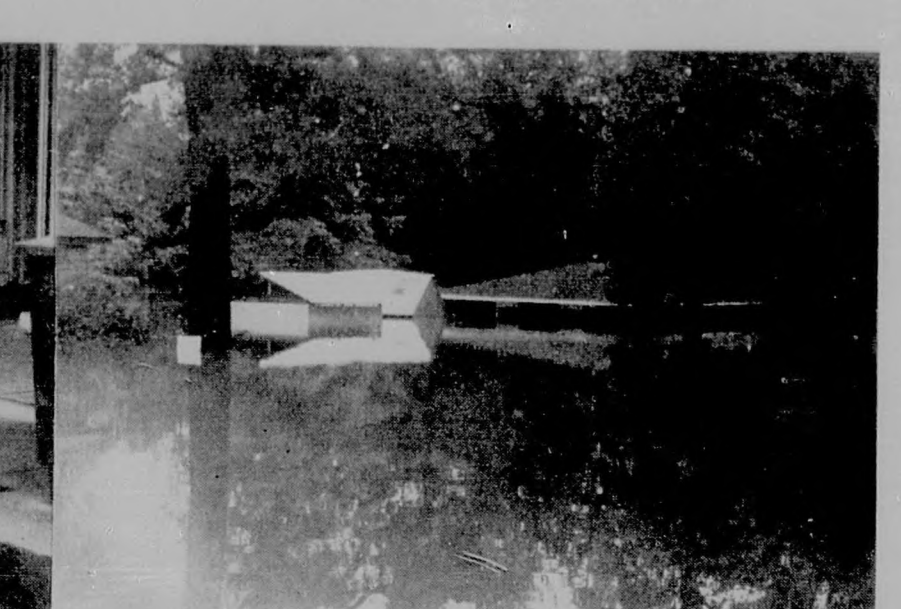
Volunteers filled sand bags by the thousands as part of the successful effort to stem the damage from the high flood waters.



Two of these FT. Rucker fire trucks, pumps from the Corp of Engineers and National Guard aided by four farm irrigation systems pumped almost one million gallons per hour over the levee - around the clock.



Moving back on Saturday. The smiles of Ronnie Jinright and Phillip Bogan indicate they are happy because the danger has passed.



The horror of a flood. This home is submerged and severely damaged. The storage house has been overturned.



40,000 gallons of bottled water was donated by the people of Anniston. Elba didn't need the water and most of it was later forwarded to places in Georgia by the Red Cross.



Probate office workers catch their breath from bringing books back from the upstairs courtroom.



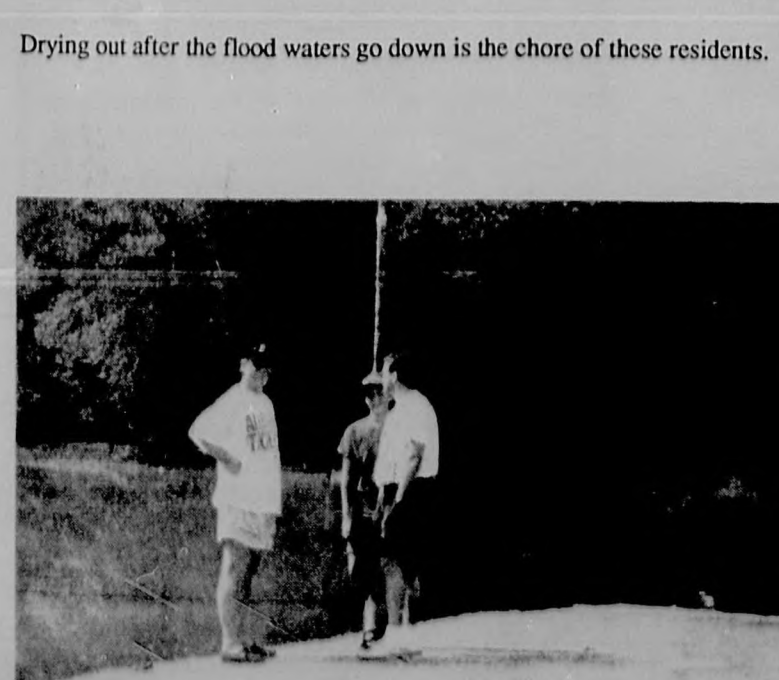
Moving out ahead of the floodwaters was a familiar sight in Riverview.



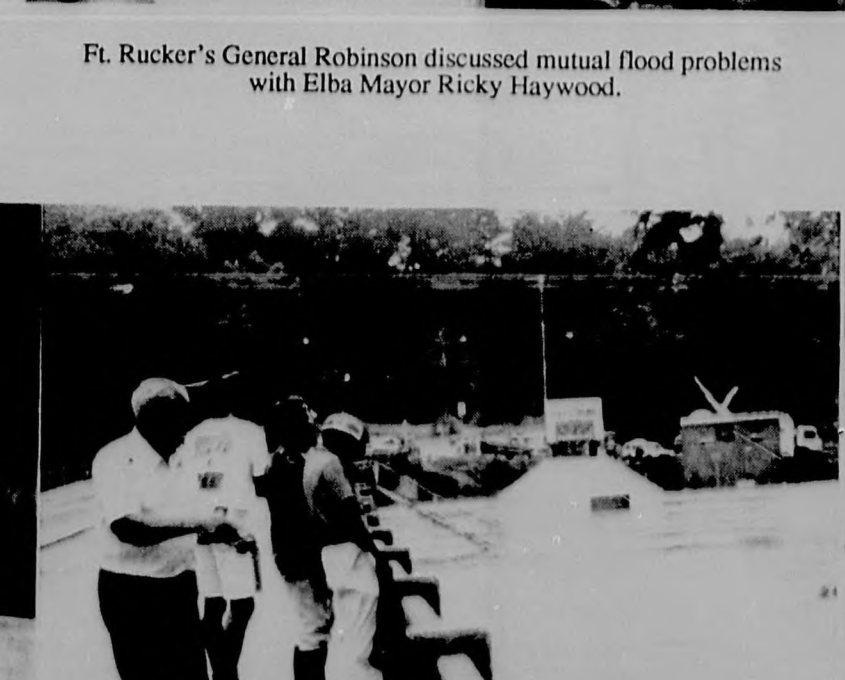
Ft. Rucker's General Robinson discussed mutual flood problems with Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood.



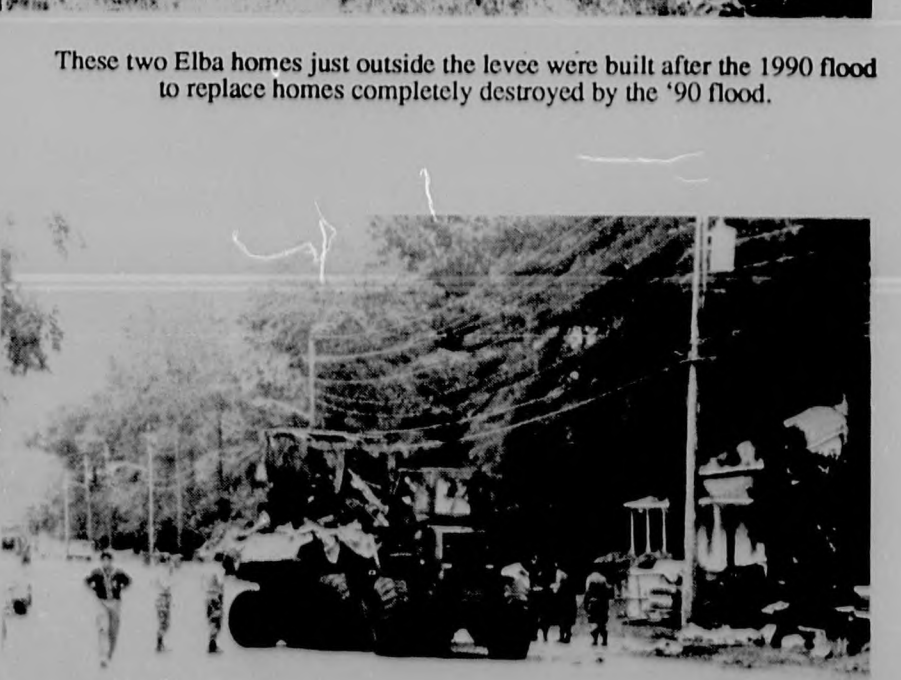
These two Elba homes just outside the levee were built after the 1990 flood to replace homes completely destroyed by the '90 flood.



Drying out after the flood waters go down is the chore of these residents.



Standing on the corner - watching the water go by.



These citizens are amazed at the water rushing under the Pea River bridge

Thanks to the National Guard, cleanup was easier and quicker.

Views from The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While Melissa and Melanie both had to spend a couple of nights away from home last week due to the high water, another member of the family was also evacuated and was lucky to make his way back home. Elmo, a sixteen-year-old Cocker Spaniel, had to be moved out of the country for boarding due to the threat of high water and somehow managed to escape from his pen. When Kathy and I went out to get him Saturday afternoon we discovered the pen empty, and honestly doubted if we would find the shaggy dog, since he is deaf and couldn't hear our yells. Kathy went off on foot down the road hoping to see the dog, and after a few minutes heard his yelps coming from deep in a field. She found him stuck in the muddy field, but couldn't get him because of the boggy ground. Any yells he made were more help. I too was unable to wade through the flooded field from a spot across from Kathy, but Danny Sanders, a neighbor, made it through the water and mud and literally dug the dog out of the mud. The dog was scared, muddy and when we got to him, but after a quick hosing down and a trip back to town, he was soon content and safe back in his pen in downtown Elba. He still looks kind of shaggy; however, he looks mighty good to Kathy and the girls, and I guess the fact he got stuck saved his life, since he would have probably wondered deeper and deeper in the woods trying to find his way home. We folks in Elba aren't very fond of "flood mud," but this time the mud actually saved the day!

RAIN PLAYS HAVOC WITH ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS

It always rains around All-Star time, but this year the rains have come almost daily, and in buckets, and have played absolute havoc with the various All-Star teams. The Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old Stars got their journey played on time, but the 13-15 Stars saw the rains force several days of postponements and completely wipe out many practice sessions. The Dixie Minor Tournament was moved out of town due to the flooding in Elba, and the All-Stars headed off Monday night after not being able to practice but once over an eight-day span. The Dixie Youth All-Stars opened their tournament on time, but also had several practices rained out, and wasn't near ready to take the field for competition.

The heavy rains caused a lot of problems for a lot of people, including the youngsters on the All-Star teams.

ON THE GRILL, ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association fined Etowah High School \$1,000 and placed the school on one year probation for the actions of Coach Larry Foster and his assistants during the prep baseball playoffs. Coach Foster came back on the field after being ejected and used "abusive, profane language" toward the umpires and showed an ump before being restrained. Assistant coach Jeff Colgrove came on the field with Foster during the altercation, while assistant coach Charlie Rowan was ejected in the third inning. The AHSAA also ruled that any baseball team coached by any of the three coaches during the 1994-95 season would not be allowed to participate in any tournaments, including the state playoffs. The penalties are severe, but seem anything but excessive when considering the actions of the coaches.

***Teams still looking for extra games next season in football may get lucky if they look at this month's AHSAA Bulletin. Elba's Babe Ruth All-Stars, Oct. 14, and shares the same open date as Clayton, R.C. Hatch, W.S. Neal, Tallapoosa, Greenville and Daphne. Kinston has an opening on Nov. 4; however, the Bulldogs could play if they really wanted to, especially since Frontierville, Lyman Ward and Elmore County all share the same date. Enterprise has an open date on Sept. 2, but isn't as lucky, since the only teams sharing the open date are three 1A schools, two 2A schools and one 3A school. If the major TV networks televised high school games, some possible (if not practical) matchups would have 3A power Southern Choctaw meeting 6A Jeff Davis on Nov. 4, 2A power Georgia playing 6A Opelika on Sept. 9 and 6A Vigor going up against 1A power Courtland on Sept. 16. Might be interesting?

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